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BUREAU OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE *The People We Serve...The People We Are*

Second Annual Awards

NHSC Honors Outstanding Clinicians

The National Honor Awards were established to recognize those clinicians whose actions illustrate the ideals of the NHSC. As the following profiles demonstrate, these clinicians go beyond simply fulfilling their commitment. They exemplify a true dedication to the communities and the people they serve.



PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Jeffrey Haskell, MD

*Lost River District Hospital
 Arco, Idaho*

In recognition for extending quality medical care to isolated, fixed-income seniors by developing and staffing the MacKay Medical Clinic.

While juggling a full load of clinic responsibilities in the hospital in rural Arco, Idaho, Dr. Haskell identified a need elsewhere and decided to do something about it. A large elderly population is nestled along Idaho's tallest mountains; the isolated location meant no health care during the winter months. In response to this need, Dr. Haskell started a clinic there in the Senior Citizen's Center.

This facility, the MacKay Medical Clinic, is not accessible by public transportation, and the roads to get there can be treacherous in snow and ice. Despite these barriers, Dr. Haskell collected the necessary equipment, motivated a staff, and kept working until the clinic was realized.

Dr. Haskell's extraordinary work with the clinic provides him with no additional income. In addition to

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COMMUNITIES In Need



CLINICIANS Who Care

The National Health Service Corps is a program of the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Primary Health Care, which is the focal point for providing primary health care to underserved and vulnerable populations.

OSTEOPOROSIS: It Affects 28 Million and Many Don't Know It Yet

Chances are you see patients with it every day. Chances are your patients are unaware they have it. The symptoms are usually silent and painless for years. What is it? A major public health problem that afflicts 28 million Americans.

Osteoporosis is a bone-thinning disease that often leads not only to fractures, but also to stooped posture and chronic pain. A National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF) survey released last May found that osteoporosis in postmenopausal women is more common than stroke, heart attack and breast cancer combined. Although osteoporosis is commonly known as a woman's disease, 20 percent of the Americans affected by it are men.

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